



State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations

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Donald L. Carcieri
Governor

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TO THE HONORABLE, THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE:

In accordance with the provisions of Section 14, Article IX of the Constitution of the State of Rhode Island and Section 43-1-4 of the Rhode Island General Laws, I transmit, with my disapproval, 2009 S 260 Substitute A, "An Act Relating to Elections – Voting Districts and Officials."

The General Assembly passed two bills, different in several respects that alter the process for selecting moderators and clerks of elections. Both bills attempt to make the process more uniform statewide, but this particular bill does so without regard to how the appointments are currently made. It merely amends the law to provide that "moderators and clerks shall be appointed," but does not specify by whom or using what procedures.

For these reasons, I disapprove of this legislation and respectfully urge your support of this veto.

Sincerely,

Donald L. Carcieri
Governor